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HIGHLIGHTS OF ELKHART-GOSHEN, IN NATIONAL COMPENSATION SURVEY SEPTEMBER 2002

Workers in the Elkhart-Goshen, Indiana metropolitan area averaged \$15.22 per hour during September 2002, according to a new survey released by the U. S. Department of Labor's Bureau of Labor Statistics (BLS). Regional Commissioner Peter J. Hebein reported that white-collar workers averaged \$19.12 per hour and accounted for 32 percent of the workers in the area. Blue-collar employees averaged \$13.82 per hour and represented 57 percent of the workforce, while the remainder worked in service occupations and earned \$10.61 per hour. (See table 1.)

The National Compensation Survey (NCS) presents straight-time earnings for all occupations in establishments employing 50 or more workers in private industry and State and local governments. The survey excludes agricultural establishments, private households, the self-employed, and the Federal Government. This NCS covered 188 firms representing 62,600 workers in the Elkhart-Goshen metropolitan area, which includes Elkhart County. Ninety percent of those represented worked in private industry.

In the Elkhart-Goshen metropolitan area, average hourly wages were published for 30 detailed occupations. (See table 1.) Among white-collar workers, registered nurses averaged \$19.67 per hour; teachers' aides, \$10.67; and receptionists, \$9.81. Blue-collar occupations included industrial machinery repairers earning \$17.36 per hour; assemblers at \$15.06; and punching and stamping press operators at \$12.28. In the service occupations, janitors and cleaners were paid \$15.22 per hour.

The NCS also provides broad coverage of selected occupational characteristics. (See tables 2 and 3.) For example, full-time employees in the Elkhart-Goshen area averaged \$15.68 per hour and part-timers earned \$8.79. Union workers in blue-collar jobs averaged \$15.07 per hour, while their non-union counterparts made \$13.48. Private industry workers in establishments employing 50-99 workers averaged \$13.11 per hour and those in establishments with 500 or more employees earned \$16.64.

The NCS is part of a statistical program that will eventually integrate three separate surveys of wages and benefits into one comprehensive compensation program increasing the amount of data available. Data provided by the NCS may be used by businesses for establishing pay plans, making decisions concerning plant relocation, and in collective bargaining negotiations. Individuals may use such data to help choose potential careers. Average rates of pay are also available for levels of work within an occupation based on knowledge, skill, independent judgment, supervision received and other factors required on the job.

Survey Availability

Complete survey results are contained in the Elkhart-Goshen, IN National Compensation Survey September 2002 (Bulletin 3115-62). While supplies last, single copies of the bulletin are available from the Chicago Information Office by calling 312-353-1880. In addition, data contained in the bulletin are available on the Internet in both text and PDF formats at www.bls.gov/ncs/ocs/compub.htm. Survey tables can also be obtained from the Bureau's fax-on-demand service by dialing (312) 353-1880, menu option 1. Up to five documents at a time may be selected and faxed to you within minutes, 24 hours a day.

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Table 1. Mean hourly earnings,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Elkhart-Goshen, IN, September 2002

| Occupation ³ | Total | | Private industry | | State and local government | |
|---|---------|--|------------------|--|----------------------------|--|
| | Mean | Relative error ⁴ (percent) | Mean | Relative error ⁴ (percent) | Mean | Relative error ⁴ (percent) |
| All | \$15.22 | 2.4 | \$14.67 | 3.0 | \$22.05 | 2.3 |
| All excluding sales | 15.24 | 3.0 | 14.67 | 3.7 | 22.05 | 2.3 |
| White collar | 19.12 | 3.2 | 17.85 | 3.7 | 25.85 | 3.3 |
| White collar excluding sales | 19.67 | 3.8 | 18.34 | 4.9 | 25.85 | 3.3 |
| Professional specialty and technical | 22.40 | 11.1 | 18.67 | 9.9 | 32.95 | 2.7 |
| Professional specialty | 28.00 | 3.5 | 23.64 | 6.8 | 32.95 | 2.7 |
| Engineers, architects, and surveyors | 29.07 | 1.0 | 29.07 | 1.0 | — | — |
| Mathematical and computer scientists | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Health related | 24.39 | 14.4 | 20.81 | 7.8 | — | — |
| Registered nurses | 19.67 | 2.4 | 19.67 | 2.4 | — | — |
| Teachers, college and university | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Teachers, except college and university | 31.77 | 6.7 | — | — | 34.06 | .4 |
| Elementary school teachers | 38.32 | .9 | — | — | 38.32 | .9 |
| Librarians, archivists, and curators | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Social scientists and urban planners | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Social, recreation, and religious workers | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Writers, authors, entertainers, athletes, and professionals, n.e.c. | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Technical | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Executive, administrative, and managerial | 27.36 | 6.8 | 26.96 | 7.6 | 31.66 | 6.3 |
| Executives, administrators, and managers | 29.52 | 7.9 | 29.21 | 9.3 | 31.66 | 6.3 |
| Managers, marketing, advertising, and public relations | 40.40 | 4.1 | 40.40 | 4.1 | — | — |
| Managers and administrators, n.e.c. | 26.06 | 10.6 | 26.06 | 10.6 | — | — |
| Management related | 23.17 | 5.6 | 23.17 | 5.6 | — | — |
| Sales | 14.67 | 19.3 | 14.67 | 19.3 | — | — |
| Sales representatives, mining, manufacturing, and wholesale | 27.61 | 29.9 | 27.61 | 29.9 | — | — |
| Cashiers | 8.35 | 4.5 | 8.35 | 4.5 | — | — |
| Administrative support, including clerical | 12.12 | 1.6 | 12.30 | 1.9 | 11.08 | 1.2 |
| Secretaries | 12.28 | 3.4 | 12.44 | 4.7 | — | — |
| Receptionists | 9.81 | 3.2 | — | — | — | — |
| Bookkeepers, accounting and auditing clerks | 13.10 | 3.4 | 13.05 | 3.4 | — | — |
| Traffic, shipping and receiving clerks | 11.85 | 10.3 | 11.85 | 10.3 | — | — |
| Stock and inventory clerks | 13.74 | 17.9 | 13.74 | 17.9 | — | — |
| General office clerks | 10.27 | 9.7 | — | — | — | — |
| Teachers' aides | 10.67 | .0 | — | — | 10.67 | .0 |
| Blue collar | 13.82 | 2.7 | 13.80 | 2.7 | 15.19 | .8 |
| Precision production, craft, and repair | 16.01 | 2.7 | 16.08 | 2.8 | — | — |
| Industrial machinery repairers | 17.36 | 2.5 | 17.36 | 2.5 | — | — |
| Mechanics and repairers, n.e.c. | 14.62 | 4.6 | 14.62 | 4.6 | — | — |
| Supervisors, production | 20.05 | 6.3 | 20.05 | 6.3 | — | — |
| Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors | 13.69 | 3.1 | 13.69 | 3.1 | — | — |
| Punching and stamping press operators | 12.28 | 1.2 | 12.28 | 1.2 | — | — |
| Fabricating machine operators, n.e.c. | 11.73 | 8.9 | 11.73 | 8.9 | — | — |
| Wood lathe, routing, and planing machine operators | 11.96 | 4.7 | 11.96 | 4.7 | — | — |
| Painting and paint spraying machine operators ... | 10.35 | 3.5 | 10.35 | 3.5 | — | — |
| Miscellaneous machine operators, n.e.c. | 12.05 | 5.0 | 12.05 | 5.0 | — | — |
| Welders and cutters | 13.18 | 3.7 | 13.18 | 3.7 | — | — |
| Assemblers | 15.06 | 2.2 | 15.06 | 2.2 | — | — |
| Production inspectors, checkers and examiners .. | 12.78 | 7.3 | 12.78 | 7.3 | — | — |
| Transportation and material moving | 13.72 | 10.4 | 13.43 | 11.9 | — | — |
| Truck drivers | 14.77 | 27.7 | 14.77 | 27.7 | — | — |
| Industrial truck and tractor equipment operators .. | 12.16 | 5.4 | 12.08 | 5.5 | — | — |
| Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers | 11.34 | 2.5 | 11.34 | 2.5 | — | — |

See footnotes at end of table.

Table 1. **Mean hourly earnings,¹ all workers:² Selected occupations, private industry and State and local government, National Compensation Survey, Elkhart-Goshen, IN, September 2002** — Continued

| Occupation ³ | Total | | Private industry | | State and local government | |
|--|---------|---------------------------------------|------------------|---------------------------------------|----------------------------|---------------------------------------|
| | Mean | Relative error ⁴ (percent) | Mean | Relative error ⁴ (percent) | Mean | Relative error ⁴ (percent) |
| Blue collar —Continued | | | | | | |
| Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers | | | | | | |
| —Continued | | | | | | |
| Stock handlers and baggers | \$12.06 | 9.0 | \$12.06 | 9.0 | — | — |
| Freight, stock, and material handlers, n.e.c. | 10.74 | 5.1 | 10.74 | 5.1 | — | — |
| Laborers, except construction, n.e.c. | 9.85 | 9.6 | 9.85 | 9.6 | — | — |
| Service | 10.61 | 7.9 | 9.46 | 10.8 | \$14.46 | 5.3 |
| Protective service | 12.34 | 9.5 | 10.37 | 11.3 | 15.60 | .3 |
| Food service | 6.34 | 9.3 | 6.05 | 10.2 | — | — |
| Waiters, waitresses, and bartenders | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Other food service | 8.28 | 9.7 | 8.05 | 10.4 | — | — |
| Health service | 9.51 | 3.5 | — | — | — | — |
| Cleaning and building service | 14.88 | 18.0 | — | — | 16.38 | 3.3 |
| Janitors and cleaners | 15.22 | 10.7 | — | — | 16.38 | 3.3 |
| Personal service | 8.98 | 8.9 | 8.58 | 9.3 | — | — |

¹ Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

² All workers include full-time and part-time workers.

³ A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

⁴ The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.

NOTE: Dashes indicate that no data were reported or that data did not meet publication criteria, and n.e.c. means "not elsewhere classified." Overall occupational groups may include data for categories not shown separately.

Table 2. **Selected worker characteristics: Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group,² National Compensation Survey, Elkhart-Goshen, IN, September 2002**

| Occupational group | Private industry and State and local government | | | | | |
|---|---|--------------------------------|--------------------|-----------------------|-------------------|------------------------|
| | Full-time workers ³ | Part-time workers ³ | Union ⁴ | Nonunion ⁴ | Time ⁵ | Incentive ⁵ |
| | Mean | | | | | |
| All occupations | \$15.68 | \$8.79 | \$17.21 | \$14.82 | \$14.93 | \$16.75 |
| All excluding sales | 15.62 | 9.02 | 17.45 | 14.80 | 14.98 | 16.65 |
| White collar | 20.00 | 9.89 | 26.76 | 18.29 | 19.21 | 17.01 |
| White-collar excluding sales | 20.17 | 11.51 | 30.01 | 18.61 | 19.74 | — |
| Professional specialty and technical | 22.81 | — | 33.31 | 19.69 | 22.40 | — |
| Professional specialty | 29.33 | — | 33.31 | 25.06 | 28.00 | — |
| Technical | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Executive, administrative, and managerial | 27.38 | — | — | 27.36 | 27.36 | — |
| Sales | 18.15 | — | — | 15.57 | 13.08 | 18.15 |
| Administrative support, including clerical | 12.36 | 9.91 | — | 12.05 | 12.16 | — |
| Blue collar | 13.88 | 10.72 | 15.07 | 13.48 | 12.87 | 16.82 |
| Precision production, craft, and repair | 16.01 | — | 18.73 | 15.15 | 16.00 | — |
| Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors | 13.70 | — | 14.06 | 13.59 | 12.07 | 17.35 |
| Transportation and material moving | 13.54 | — | 20.37 | 12.41 | 14.46 | 11.79 |
| Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers | 11.75 | 7.57 | 12.06 | 11.15 | 11.03 | — |
| Service | 12.77 | 6.82 | 14.85 | 10.30 | 10.63 | — |
| | Relative error ⁶ (percent) | | | | | |
| All occupations | 2.3 | 5.5 | 3.8 | 2.8 | 2.7 | 6.1 |
| All excluding sales | 2.9 | 6.6 | 3.3 | 3.5 | 2.8 | 5.9 |
| White collar | 3.4 | 10.8 | 8.3 | 3.8 | 3.6 | 35.3 |
| White-collar excluding sales | 3.9 | 15.9 | 3.4 | 4.6 | 3.9 | — |
| Professional specialty and technical | 12.1 | — | 1.3 | 10.7 | 11.1 | — |
| Professional specialty | 2.9 | — | 1.3 | 6.4 | 3.5 | — |
| Technical | — | — | — | — | — | — |
| Executive, administrative, and managerial | 6.8 | — | — | 6.8 | 6.8 | — |
| Sales | 22.9 | — | — | 22.1 | 14.5 | 37.4 |
| Administrative support, including clerical | 1.4 | 7.8 | — | 1.7 | 1.6 | — |
| Blue collar | 2.7 | 2.7 | 4.2 | 2.5 | 1.2 | 5.6 |
| Precision production, craft, and repair | 2.7 | — | 3.1 | 2.7 | 3.2 | — |
| Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors | 3.0 | — | 5.6 | 2.4 | 2.0 | 6.0 |
| Transportation and material moving | 11.9 | — | 9.8 | 5.2 | 8.4 | 14.6 |
| Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers | 2.5 | 5.2 | 11.7 | 3.6 | 2.3 | — |
| Service | 8.3 | 7.6 | 14.9 | 8.2 | 8.1 | — |

¹ Earnings are the straight-time hourly wages or salaries paid to employees. They include incentive pay, cost-of-living adjustments, and hazard pay. Excluded are premium pay for overtime, vacations, holidays, nonproduction bonuses, and tips. The mean is computed by totaling the pay of all workers and dividing by the number of workers, weighted by hours.

² A classification system including about 480 individual occupations is used to cover all workers in the civilian economy. See appendix B for more information.

³ Employees are classified as working either a full-time or a part-time schedule based on the definition used by each establishment. Therefore, a worker with a 35-hour-per-week schedule might be considered a full-time employee in one establishment, but classified as part-time in another firm, where a 40-hour week is the minimum full-time schedule.

⁴ Union workers are those whose wages are determined through collective bargaining.

⁵ Time workers' wages are based solely on an hourly rate or salary; incentive workers are those whose wages are at least partially based on productivity payments such as piece rates, commissions, and production bonuses.

⁶ The relative standard error (RSE) is the standard error expressed as a percent of the estimate. It can be used to calculate a "confidence interval" around a sample estimate. For more information about RSEs, see appendix A.

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Table 3. **Establishment employment size: Mean hourly earnings¹ by occupational group,² private industry, National Compensation Survey, Elkhart-Goshen, IN, September 2002**

| Occupational group | Full-time and part-time workers | | | | |
|---|---------------------------------------|------------------------------|---------------------|-------------------|---------------------|
| | All private industry workers | 50 - 99 workers ³ | 100 workers or more | | |
| | | | Total | 100 - 499 workers | 500 workers or more |
| | Mean | | | | |
| All occupations | \$14.67 | \$13.11 | \$15.19 | \$14.56 | \$16.64 |
| All excluding sales | 14.67 | 13.21 | 15.14 | 14.51 | 16.55 |
| White collar | 17.85 | 14.91 | 19.11 | 19.36 | 18.63 |
| White-collar excluding sales | 18.34 | 15.66 | 19.40 | 20.04 | 18.35 |
| Professional specialty and technical | 18.67 | — | 21.59 | 22.47 | 20.50 |
| Professional specialty | 23.64 | — | 23.64 | 25.24 | 21.66 |
| Technical | — | — | 16.22 | 15.23 | — |
| Executive, administrative, and managerial | 26.96 | 22.40 | 27.69 | 29.67 | 24.03 |
| Sales | 14.67 | 11.43 | 16.85 | 15.84 | — |
| Administrative support, including clerical | 12.30 | 14.08 | 11.75 | 11.39 | 12.39 |
| Blue collar | 13.80 | 12.48 | 14.21 | 13.37 | 16.20 |
| Precision production, craft, and repair | 16.08 | 16.70 | 15.89 | 15.62 | 16.85 |
| Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors | 13.69 | 11.85 | 14.29 | 13.17 | 16.52 |
| Transportation and material moving | 13.43 | 12.24 | 13.78 | 14.25 | 12.95 |
| Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers | 11.34 | 10.22 | 11.59 | 11.04 | 15.24 |
| Service | 9.46 | 6.91 | 9.89 | 9.71 | — |
| | Relative error ⁴ (percent) | | | | |
| All occupations | 3.0 | 4.3 | 3.1 | 3.4 | 4.9 |
| All excluding sales | 3.7 | 3.9 | 4.0 | 4.4 | 5.5 |
| White collar | 3.7 | 5.4 | 3.5 | 4.9 | 4.8 |
| White-collar excluding sales | 4.9 | 4.9 | 4.5 | 6.0 | 5.1 |
| Professional specialty and technical | 9.9 | — | 4.9 | 8.6 | 2.9 |
| Professional specialty | 6.8 | — | 6.8 | 9.5 | 6.7 |
| Technical | — | — | 12.0 | 7.9 | — |
| Executive, administrative, and managerial | 7.6 | 8.9 | 9.9 | 12.4 | 2.6 |
| Sales | 19.3 | 24.3 | 25.2 | 22.3 | — |
| Administrative support, including clerical | 1.9 | 6.5 | 2.1 | 4.0 | 5.0 |
| Blue collar | 2.7 | 3.8 | 2.7 | 2.7 | 7.7 |
| Precision production, craft, and repair | 2.8 | 8.3 | 2.5 | 3.7 | 9.0 |
| Machine operators, assemblers, and inspectors | 3.1 | 3.6 | 2.7 | 2.6 | 7.3 |
| Transportation and material moving | 11.9 | 22.1 | 9.4 | 13.1 | 8.8 |
| Handlers, equipment cleaners, helpers, and laborers | 2.5 | 9.3 | 2.4 | 2.1 | 10.2 |
| Service | 10.8 | 24.0 | 9.4 | 11.7 | — |

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establishments with fewer than 50 due to staff reductions between survey sampling and collection.

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